

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Washington, D.C. 20460

OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL

May 9, 2017

Ms. Catherine M. Rahm Natural Resources Defense Council 40 West 20th Street New York, NY 10011

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request No. EPA-HQ-2017-005963, Final Response

Dear Ms. Rahm:

This letter is in reference to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request received by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on March 9, in which you requested records related to Administrator Scott Pruitt's recusal from litigation in which Oklahoma is a party.

The Office of General Counsel's Ethics team has concluded its search for records responsive to your request and is providing a copy of the Administrator's signed recusal statement.

This letter concludes our response to your request. You may appeal this response by email at hq.foia@epa.gov, or by mail to the National Freedom of Information Office, U.S. EPA, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. (2822T), Washington, DC 20460. Only items mailed through the United States Postal Service may be delivered to 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue. If you are submitting your appeal by hand delivery, courier service, or overnight delivery, you must address your correspondence to 1301 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room 6416J, Washington, DC 20001. Your appeal must be in writing, and it must be received no later than 90 calendar days from the date of this letter. The Agency will not consider appeals received after the 90-calendarday limit. Appeals received after 5:00 p.m. EDT will be considered received the next business day. The appeal letter should include the FOIA tracking number listed above. For quickest possible handling, the subject line of your email, the appeal letter, and its envelope, if applicable, should be marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." Additionally, you may seek dispute resolution services from EPA's FOIA Public Liaison at hq.foia@epa.gov or (202) 566-1667, or from the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS). You may contact OGIS in any of the following ways: by mail, Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, Room 2510, 8610 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740-6001; email, ogis@nara.gov; telephone, (202) 741-5770 or (877) 684-6448; or fax, (202) 741-5769.

If you have any questions concerning this response, please contact me at 202-564-1786.

Sincerely,

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